

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A retransmission control method comprising the steps of:

base stations receiving a signal sent from a mobile station;

each of said base stations performing error judgment for said signal sent from said mobile station;

a corresponding base station of a communication partner of said mobile station obtaining results of error judgment of said corresponding base station and other base stations;

said corresponding base station sending a response which indicates that retransmission is not required to said mobile station when said results includes a result indicating no error; and

said corresponding base station returning a response which indicates that retransmission is required to said mobile station when every result in said results indicates that there is an error.

Claim 2 (Original): A retransmission control method comprising the steps of:

base stations receiving a signal sent from a mobile station;

each of said base stations performing error judgment for said signal sent from said mobile station;

said base stations exchanging results of said error judgment with one another;

a corresponding base station sending a response which indicates that retransmission is not required to said mobile station when results of said error judgment of said base stations include a result indicating no error; and

said corresponding base station returning a response which indicates that retransmission is required to said mobile station when every result of said error judgment of said base stations indicates that there is an error.

Claim 3 (Original): The retransmission control method as claimed in claim 2, wherein a received signal power level of said signal in said corresponding base station is the largest among received signal power levels in said base stations.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A retransmission control apparatus in a base station, comprising:

a part receiving a signal sent from a mobile station;

[[a]] an error judgment part performing error judgment for said signal sent from said mobile station;

a part receiving, from other base stations via a network, error judgment results in said other base stations each of which receives said signal;

~~a part obtained results of error judgment of said base station and other base stations;~~

a part sending a response which indicates that retransmission is not required to said mobile station when said error judgment results of said other base stations and an error judgment result by said error judgment part includes [[a]] at least one result indicating no error; and

a part sending a response which indicates that retransmission is required to said mobile station when every result ~~of in~~ said error judgment results of said other base stations and said error judgment result by said error judgment part indicates that there is an error.

Claims 5 and 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (new) The retransmission control apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said base station is a communication partner of said mobile station.

Claim 8 (New) The retransmission control apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said base station receives, from said other base stations, in addition to said error judgment results, received signal power levels of said signal in said other base stations, and said base station compares each of said received signal power levels with a received signal power level in said base station, and

said base station sends said response to said mobile station when said received signal power level in said base station is larger than any of said received signal power levels in said other base stations.